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POLCOUNS delivered reftel demarche regarding the June 2008 UNSC thematic debate and draft resolution on "Sexual Violence in Situations of Armed Conflict" to Panamanian MFA Senior Advisor for UNSC Matters Nils Castro and DG for External Political Affairs Javier Bonagas on June 3. Post has not yet received a response to the Secretary's invitation to 1st VP and FM Samuel Lewis to participate in this thematic debate. Lewis has been traveling a significant amount in recent weeks. For example, he is expected to return today from the OASGA in Medellin, Colombia. ARREAGA